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SOURCE:

- In early February 1954 in Hwanghae Province, a letter mailed from Tang-dong (N 37-58, E 125-10) (XC-9104) in Ongjin-gun to Anak (N 38-30, E 125-30) (YC-1864), in Anak-kun, required a 30 won North Korean postage stamp. The letter was picked up in Tang-dong by a postman, who also served as the newspaperman for the area, and taken to the post office in Ongjin (N 37-56, E 125-22) (YC-0801) for mailing.
- In early February there was a telephone in a police box in Tang-dong from which calls could be made to places within the gun only. There were no private telephones in the area.
- Commodity prices in Ongjin-gun¹ in early February were as follows:

COMMODITY	UNIT	PRICE IN NK WON
Beans, dried	1 large mal ²	500
Rice	1 large mal	800
Cloth, white	1 yard	200
Shoes, rubber, black, women's	1 pair	900
Shoes, rubber, white, women's	1 pair	1,200
Shoes, tennis, imported from Hong Kong	1 pair	1,500
Kerosene	1 bottle	400

1. Comment. concerning commodity prices in the Ongjin area.

2. Comment. 1 large mal equals 2.05 pecks.

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